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—Franklin.

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Casting About

In this election year the propaganda for both sides will mount and mount, until it will near the point of hysteria . . . as a matter of fact it looks like there will be many more sides than just the usual two . . . furtive whisperings - smoke filled hotel rooms . . . the simmering of underground rumors . . . the rumblings of lost tempers . . . banners will be flaunted . . . votes will be traded . . . bargains will be made . . . even though it is the American Way there is always a danger in these surreptitious sessions and the around-the-corner conversations . . . certainly by far the best way is to bring charges and counter-charges into the open . . . give everyone the opportunity to see them and to answer them if the need be . . . it would seem much wiser to allow opinions to come out into the clean healing air than to allow them to fester into ugly sores . . . people will get hurt . . . all will suffer in the end . . . if courage and wisdom are to be crowded into dark and dank

corners by the pressing shadows of "party-line" gossip then it is time we looked with care at our direction . . . it is necessary for any of us to circulate a "La Libre Belgique" (a World War I underground newspaper) . . . not yet anyway . . . it is for us to see that it is not necessary . . . the word "understanding" is a long word . . . a good deal of thought should go into that word . . . understanding should be applied to all things . . . pettish thoughts should be dismissed from our minds when we realize that there are a good many tremendous problems that face us . . . problems that have to do with our survival . . . even those things that seem only local somehow have something to do with the whole world . . . so when you are confronted with the crowding issues of today, look with careful consideration . . . look with understanding . . . if wrong is being done - criticize . . . if right is being done - praise . . . but - be understanding.

Fire Destroys Cottage

Late Thursday afternoon, March 4, fire completely destroyed a cottage on the grounds of the Bronson Nursing Home on Main street. The fire apparently starting from an explosion of an oil stove was a raging blaze by the time the firemen arrived and the structure was leveled despite valiant efforts by the fire-fighters.

The cottage, an all-year round dwelling, was vacant and new tenants were due to move into the building in the near future.

Marriages

Nell E. Brasser and Howard O. Spaulding were married on February 28 in the Manhattan Beach Community Church in Manhattan Beach, California.

Mrs. Spaulding is the daughter of Frank Brasser of West Northfield, and Mr. Spaulding is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding of East Northfield. He is an engineering student at Northrop Aeronautical Institute in Hawthorne, California. Mrs. Spaulding is employed at North American Aviation Inc., at Inglewood, California.

Supt. Taylor

Superintendent of School Robert N. Taylor attended the all-day hearing before the Committee on Education on Monday, March 8, in support of S-164, a bill proposed to relieve the burden of taxation on real estate and to increase financial support of education at the State level. Mr. Taylor spoke briefly concerning the plight of the towns in Western Massachusetts, whose buildings have been condemned by the State Department of Public Safety. These towns must have state aid if school housing is to be brought up to modern standards.

Town Topics

Mrs. Norman Way was the guest of honor at a "Stork Shower" given by the "Stitch and Chatter" Club at the home of Mrs. William Huber. Mrs. Way received many gifts of timely value. Attending were the following: Mrs. Marshall Lanphear, Mrs. Robert Ware, Mrs. Walter Clark, Mrs. Donald Hayes, Mrs. Mike Furcolo, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Edward Tie, Mrs. Robert Huber, Mrs. Ralph Kerwin, Mrs. William Huber and Mrs. Dwight Lyman.

SELECTMEN GRANT USE OF TOWN HALL FOR BASKETBALL

A special Basketball Committee, headed by President Charles White

"The Latch String" Prize Contest Winner

Mrs. W. E. McMurtrie of Englewood, N. J., submitted the prize winning name for the former "Picky's Grill" in the recent contest conducted by the Manager George Marshall.

The name "The Latch String" was picked from over 30 entries as the most suitable for the newly painted and remodeled restaurant.

Mrs. McMurtrie, who is a summer resident of Northfield, will be the recipient of a full course dinner with all the fixings when she returns here to claim her prize. The contest winner has already been notified of her good fortune.

All other entrants, both permanent and summer residents, have been notified by post-card that upon presenting the card they will be the recipients of a piece of home made apple pie a la mode.

"The Latch String" is now open, after extensive painting and remodeling work. George, and his assistants, Mrs. Winnie Morgan, Mrs. Bernice Judd and Allen Field are ready to welcome one and all.

Hours for the present are 12 to 2 and 6 to 12 Monday through Friday; Noon to midnight, Saturday and Sunday.

Fortnightly Meeting

Mrs. George Davis, who was to have given Book Reviews at the March 5th meeting was unable to do so because of illness. Instead, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed gave an interesting talk on antique glass, with many of her fine pieces on display. Also, many rare pieces from the collections of Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, Mrs. Martin Vorce and Mrs. F. H. Montague were exhibited.

The music for the program was provided by Mrs. Manuel Lopez, who sang three Irish melodies, with accompaniment by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, Mrs. Robert Barry, Mrs. George Sheldon and Mrs. J. V. McNeil.

Town Topics

Mr. Fred Newton, who has been at the Bronson Home for six years, celebrated his 93rd birthday on March 8.

George N. Kidder, local businessman, is at the Farron Hospital in Montague City, recovering from an operation last Monday. It is expected that Mr. Kidder will leave the hospital about next Wednesday, as he is resting comfortably now after coming through the operation in good condition.

of the Northfield P.T.A., and made up of members from the Northfield P.T.A. has been negotiating for the use of the Town Hall for the practice and playing of basketball by the public school children. After a great deal of investigation and study the committee made application to the Board of Selectmen for the use of the Town Hall. The following letter, read at the P.T.A. meeting last Monday is in reply to this application:

Northfield Parent Teachers' Association

Mr. Charles R. White President and Acting Chairman of the Basketball Committee.

Northfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. White:

In order that the work of equipping the town hall for basketball may go forward, the Board of Selectmen hereby extends permission to the Northfield P.T.A. to use the town hall for the practice and playing of basketball by the school children of Northfield, pending further collaboration between the P.T.A. and the Board of Selectmen regarding rules and regulations governing the use of the hall and the installation of equipment.

Very truly,
Ernest A. Parker
George W. Carr
George H. Sheldon
Board of Selectmen.

School Transportation

Superintendent of Schools Robert Taylor has presented to the various school committees of Union No. 23 a summary of transportation statistics for the school year 1947-1948.

In his report concerning the Northfield Public Schools, Mr. Taylor states that 6 vehicles carrying 172 pupils are now covering 10 routes per day. The daily mileage is 198. The average cost per vehicle mile is 24 cents, and the cost per pupil per day is 25 cents. The annual cost is estimated at \$8,380, of which \$7,300 will be state reimbursed. The cost per pupil per year is \$48.80.

The above figures do not include the special transportation for first grade pupils from September-December 1, which in 1947 cost the town \$504.

Garden Club Notes

President Grove Deming of the Northfield Garden Club reports that a bus is available for transportation to the Boston Flower Show to be held from March 15 to March 20. If a full load of 30 persons can be secured, the rate will be about \$2.50. All interested should contact President Deming, or the secretary, Miss Daisy Holton immediately.

Special Election Monday, March 15

Next Monday March 15th there will be a special election to vote for one of two candidates for the vacant position on the School Committee. The term is for three years.

At the regular town meeting on February 2 the two candidates Mrs. Glenn Billings and Mrs. W. B. Wells were tied with 239 votes each. Mrs. Billings was the caucus nominee, having defeated Mrs. Wells by a vote of 34 to 20. Mrs. Wells filed independent nomination papers.

The contest which will be settled on Monday promises to bring out a heavy vote.

This is the first special election for twenty-two years. The polls will be open Monday at the Town Hall from noon until eight in the evening.

John Edward Phelps To Exhibit and Speak

John Edward Phelps, a local artist, will be guest speaker at the next Fortnightly Meeting to be held March 19th at 3 p.m. in Alexander Hall. Mr. Phelps will talk on "Great American Artists", and will do a charcoal portrait sketch to demonstrate technique in this medium. Also, he will show a collection of pencil sketches he made in Europe during the war, in addition to some recent paintings done at his studio in Greenfield.

Interested public school pupils have been invited to attend the meeting to share with club members, a most instructive and inspiring afternoon.

Union 23 Report

Superintendent of Schools Robert Taylor of Union No. 23, comprising the towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Leyden, and Warwick, recently presented to the various school committees a detailed study of transportation in these towns for the year 1947-1948.

Twenty-three vehicles covering 45 routes carry 477 pupils a total 772 miles per day at an annual cost of \$25,925. The average cost per vehicle mile is 19 cents, and the average cost per pupil per day is 31 cents. The average cost per pupil per year is \$55.30. State reimbursement to the town of this union totalled approximately \$22,400.

Selectmen Guests

The Brotherhood will meet Tuesday, March 16th at the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M., and a discussion of Town affairs will follow. The Selectmen of Northfield will be guests at the meeting. Townspeople are invited to attend.

DEATH CLAIMS GOV. McCONAUGHY TRUSTEE OF NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS

News of the sudden death of Gov. James L. McConaughy of

Red Cross Campaign Under Way Here

Northfield has been given a quota of \$1,764 in the Red Cross campaign now under way a considerable increase over the quota of the previous campaign which was \$1,000. Solicitations are now being made here in a house to house canvass and the various portions of the town are in charge of committees working under the direction of Mrs. Cleland Cochrane. Workers in Northfield include Mrs. W. B. Wells, Mrs. Jessie Warnock, Mrs. Roger Greenwood, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, Mrs. Joseph Holton, Mrs. Manuel Lopez and Mrs. Robert McCastline; East Northfield, Mrs. Hubert Eastman, Miss Barbara Given, Mrs. George Thompson, Miss Beverly Briesmaster, Miss Virginia Powell, Mrs. William Marshall, Louis Potts, Roy R. Hatch, and Mrs. Gordon Moody. West Northfield, Mrs. Robert Gibson, Mrs. Edward Parminter. The School for Girls, George W. Carr. The Farms district, Mrs. Phillip Mann. The quota in the county this campaign is \$34,650 and Samuel Tisdale of Greenfield is the county chairman.

Friendly Class Will Present Play "Peg O' My Heart"

A three-act comedy "Peg O' My Heart" will be shown at the Town Hall, March 9, at 8 o'clock under the sponsorship of the Friendly Class for the Congregational Church Building Fund.

The play directed by Mrs. George Carr, has the following cast: Mrs. James Gillespie, James Gillespie, Mrs. James Reid, Richard Reeves, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, Winthrop Sanderson, J. Austin Daly, Mrs. Robert Barnes and Roy Fish.

Sound effects will be handled by Owen Stacey. Mrs. Bernard Whitney will be in charge of the ushers. Mrs. Leonard Lanphear will have candy for sale during the evening. Settings and properties will be supervised by Miss Sophie Servaes and her committee.

Humble Apologies

Two names were omitted from the report of last week's P.T.A. Executive committee meeting. The President, Mr. Charles White and the secretary Mrs. Charles White were very much present, and we all know the fine work they are doing with the P.T.A. in Northfield.

Connecticut on Sunday came as an unexpected shock to his many friends in Northfield and Mt. Hermon. Even the word regarding his hospitalization for a minor ailment which appeared in Sunday's newspapers had not prepared his admirers here for news of his untimely death.



Dr. James L. McConaughy

Although he was born in New York City October 21, 1887, Dr. McConaughy came to Northfield at the age of three. His father who had been engaged in Y.M.C.A. work had joined the faculty of Mt. Hermon School as head of the Bible department and during the first year, while a house was being built for the family, they lived in the Homestead.

The elder McConaughy was an ardent admirer of D. L. Moody and was instrumental in establishing, in conjunction with the Founder, the great religious tradition which has ever since activated Mt. Hermon. It was in this atmosphere that the future educator and governor grew up.

Speaker at a Founder's Day service a few years ago, Gov. McConaughy jokingly said, "My claim to fame is that it took me longer to graduate from Mt. Hermon than anybody else in the school." He referred to the fact that all his elementary and secondary education was received in the school from which he was graduated in 1905.

After graduating from Yale in 1909, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Columbia in 1913. Following that he filled several college teaching and administrative positions and finally became president of Knox College in 1918 and then of Wesleyan University in 1925.

He was Lt. Governor of Connecticut during 1939 and 1940 and during the war served in several important posts including that of president of United China Relief. He was elected governor in 1947.

In addition to being a frequent and popular speaker on occasions such as Founder's Day here at Northfield, Dr. McConaughy served the Northfield Schools in several official capacities, including the presidency of the Mt. Hermon Alumni Association. He was also a trustee of the Northfield Schools.

DIED TODAY

Nelson Dwight Alexander
N. Dwight Alexander, 80, died at his home on Main St., this morning, March 12, after an illness of many months. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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There is a great deal of discussion about U.M.T. but no one seems to know what should be done about this vital problem. Most of the folks we have talked with feel they do not know enough about both sides of the issue to discuss it intelligently. Since this bill, enacted into law, would affect all of us, the time for decision is now!

In the past few weeks we have talked with members of several local organizations, suggesting that an open forum be held to discuss U.M.T. So far it is still in the talking stage.

We hereby recommend that the heads of all the local clubs and organizations get together to plan, and set a date for the community-wide "Open Forum" to discuss the pros and cons of Universal Military Training. We also recommend that this forum be addressed by two speakers; one for, and the other against U.M.T. In that way we could hear both sides of the issue. The citizens of Northfield have every right to know what the future holds for their children. The time for action is NOW, before this bill is discussed in Congress.

POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

To The Editors:

Since you have invited contributions from "local poets", I am sending you the enclosed, if you care to print it. I was struck by the words, "New Citizens", and when I saw the notice of these three little girls, with their lovely names and all from Mount Hermon, I wanted to welcome them, for all of us:

To Rachel, Joanna, and Deborah of Mount Hermon

Joanna, Rachel, and Deborah

three Little New Citizens, hail and good cheer!

A thousand welcomes, and a thousand more!

We wish you the best of everything here.

Though a very old world, this world of yours,

Older than mountain or chiming bell,

It has always been charmed by wee ones like you.

What wonderful tales you will hear it tell.

For Rachel, Joanna, and Deborah, your singing names it long has known:

Rachel, who came with sheep through the fields

To the cool spring water and rolled-away stone;

Deborah, who sang her beautiful praise

Under the roof of a green palm tree;

Joanna, who opened her heart and home

To the weary strangers from Gallilee.

You, too, shall find love, and a faith that climbs,

A flower in the rain, into the light.

Work sealed for your breaking, with a brave, gay hope.

The old gray glory that never takes flight.

To all little ones, the world brings gifts.

Look! Here are ours, — a river and fawn,

A rainbow, a sunset, a prayer for each night.

And a smile for every unfurling dawn!

Edith Courtenay Babbitt

The Northfield Schools

Students at the Northfield School for Girls will leave the campus Thursday, March 18, for their spring vacation and classes will resume on April 1.

Mr. Axel Forslund, head of the Physical Education Department at Mt. Hermon School, was recently elected president of the New England Private School Athletic Council for two years.

Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain of the Northfield School for Girls, will preach the Sunday morning worship service in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon at 4:30 Dr. Levi A. Olson, of the Temple Emanuel in Worcester, Mass., will be the guest speaker at the Senior Vesper Service in Sage Chapel.

Sunday evening, March 14, Dr. William L. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest speaker at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

"SQUEEZE" BOX

This column is your safety-valve! Your letters are welcome and we shall try to print as many as space will allow. The views expressed in the letters are not necessarily the views of the editors.

To the Editors:

Mrs. Glenn Billings of Northfield received the nomination at the Republican Caucus to fill an expired term on the School Committee. Mrs. Wayne B. Wells, whose term had expired, filed independent papers for the same position. Mrs. Glenn Billings received 36 votes and Mrs. Wells 20 votes at the caucus.

On January 30, 1948, another newspaper carried an article on the qualifications of both parties and I wish to refer to some facts that were erroneous. The article implied that Mrs. Glenn Billings was never a property owner. Mr. and Mrs. Billings owned their home in Northfield Farms for ten years. They sold their home last fall in order to live with Mrs. Billings' aged parents who own their home in Northfield Farms. Mrs. Wayne B. Wells has lived here as a property owner for only 6½ years. Also, at the present time Mrs. Wells' children have graduated from the eighth grade and are now attending private schools. The article stated that her children were in the public school system.

Mrs. Billings is a younger woman with a boy in the second grade and a daughter three years old. Although Mrs. Billings did not graduate from college she is a very capable person. She graduated from the nurses' course at the Franklin County Public Hospital. At one time she served on the staff of nurses for the Northfield School for Girls. She is at present chairman of the membership committee of the Northfield P.T.A. and she and her husband are very active workers on many other committees.

In the fall of 1946 Mrs. Billings and her husband were interested in shortening the school day for children in the first grade. Little children coming from the outlying districts had to leave on the school bus around 8 p.m. and many didn't reach home until after 4 p.m. Mrs. Billings secured over 100 signatures to this petition for a shorter day. Our superintendent of schools was willing to try out this shorter day if the money was voted for extra transportation. In the 1147 report to the town by the superintendent of schools, he acknowledged the value of this shorter day, for he adopted a plan for a shorter day highly recommended by Miss Alice Beal, Elementary Supervisor in the State Department of Education. Mothers of young children should be very grateful to Mrs. Billings that she did pioneer work at the cost of making some enemies.

Is there any reason why the Farms community should not be represented on the school committee? In view of the number of children from this district who usually graduate from high school it seems only fair that they should have a representative on the school committee. Naturally, a person with a child in the public schools knows what is going on and will take a keener interest.

As it is costing the Town of Northfield around \$100 for this special election, I hope that it will be decided for the best interest of the public school system.

"An Interested Taxpayer"

Unitarian Youth

The young people of the Unitarian Church had an interesting and stimulating discussion last Sunday evening on some improvements which they suggested might benefit their town. Eight definite suggestions were made, each one was discussed at length, and constructive plans were made to try to do something about some of them by the members, both individually and collectively.

A social period of games and refreshments followed. At the next meeting, the group will be guests of Miss Bernice Webster, one of their advisors, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at her home, where she will lead a discussion on Prejudice - Racial, Religious and Cultural. Guests of high school age from the Greenfield Unitarian Church have also been invited. All young people of high school age in Northfield are invited.

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The following books have been added to our shelves recently: Adult Fiction: Outlaw Guns, by Halleran; Deputy Marshall, by Hechlerman; While the Angels Sing, by Carroll; Hope of Earth, by Runbeck; Kate Hardy, by Stevenson; Doctor Kim, by Hancock; Portrait of Caroline, by Carrae; False Rider, by Brand; House Divided, by Williams; Fashions for Murder, by Cox; Death will Find Me, by Steers; Cactus Cavalier, by Fox; Rawhide Summons, by Austin; Wagstaff, by Greenwood; Moment in Time, by Wellard; A Fine and Private Place, by Flitt; Where Flows the Kennebec, by MacDougall; High Country, by Dawson; Rider from Yonder, by Fox; Roger the Lodge, by Roberts; Whistle, Daugherty; Whistle, by Best; The Tamarack Tree, Breallin; Still Water, by Burt; Inherited Husband, by Gilmore; Hide and Seek, by Gay; Gardenia Angel, by Gay; Foxfire, by Gilmore; Practising of Christopher, by Eckbert; Yankee Pasha, by Marshall; Desert Gold, by Grey; The Upstart, by Marshall; Riding for Custer, by Curry.

Adult Non-Fiction: Letters from Grosvenor Square, by Winant; Proper Bostonians, by Amory; Churches of Old New England, by Mariowe; Baby and Child Care, by

Spock; Personality in Handwriting, by Mendell; We Live in the Arctic, by the Helmicks; Pictorial History of U. S. S. Massachusetts, gift of U. S. Navy; History of the Petroleum Administration for War, by Frey, gift of the U. S. Government; Men and Volts at War, by Miller, Gift of General Electric Co.; Great Rehearsal, by Carl Van Doren; I Saw Poland Destroyed by Lane; Weybosset Bridge, by Wilson. Juvenile Fiction: Wind in the Willows, by Graham; Master Skylark, by Bennett; Buster Bear's Twins, by Burgess; Old Mother West Wind and Old Mother West Wind's Children, by Burgess; Justin Morgan had a Horse, by Marguerite Henry; Bobsey Twins at School, Bobsey Twins at Meadow Brook, Bobsey Twins at the County Fair, by Hope; Ginger and Pickles, by Potter; Willow Hill by Whitney; Nobody's Doll, by De Laew; Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz, by Baum; Adventure in Blue Jeans, by Jacobs; Other Sides of the Green Hills, by Cross; Title to Happiness, by De Leeuw; Hawk, the White Indian, by Carleton; Cherry Ames, Private Duty Nurse, by Wells; Shy Little Kitten, by Schurr.

Juvenile Non-Fiction: Your Manners are Showing, by Bats; Three Conquistadors, by Garst; Born to Adventure, by Hawthorne; Little Brother of the Wilderness, by Le Sueur; David Livingstone, by Eaton.

Indian granaries. Once the Plymouth people took such and later paid for it. In the valley trade records, Connecticut colonists at their beginning brought through Major Pynchon fifty canoe loads of corn from the Pocumtucks, or Deerfield River Indians, when the ice had left the Connecticut open for navigation. Furs were purchased from the native in barter for kettles, clothes, and other English devices. The sale of liquor and guns was often strictly regulated.

The Indians of King Philip's War were many of them from this valley. Their defeat at Turners Falls and later the killing of Philip after a number of fights farther to the east, brought the War to an end. What became of the Indians? A few moved over to New York. Some joined the St. Francis Indians north of Lake Champlain and later caused trouble. Many had been killed. However, many were taken by the English government under Daniel Gookin's care and were disposed of as indentured servants or sent off to coastal islands. Gookin was much concerned with the unjust treatment given the praying Indians. He estimated there had been 4000 of them and the government blamed them for the War that he claimed they did not fight.

This Daniel Gookin who led in the discovery of Northfield was a prominent citizen in Cambridge, assistant to the Governor, Major General of the Massachusetts troops, missionary and authority on Indian matters. He knew first hand what Indian massacres were from his fathers' experiences in Virginia, where the first cattle brought to America were lost. Daniel Gookin, ranked as a gentleman. He had returned to England and came back to Massachusetts with papers as agent for Cromwell then in power in England. He was the friend of the clergy and worthies in New England. He was a magistrate, speaker of the House of Deputies, and Superintendent of the Indians under civil authority. He returned to New England on the same ship with Whalley and Goff, regicides of Charles I. The two regicides were hidden from agents of Charles I by Rev. Davenport in New Haven and Rev. John Russell in Hadley.

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Pioneer Valley

One thousand quarts of Pioneer Valley maple syrup will be set aside for sale at the New York City Travel Show to be held the first week in May at the Grand Central Palace, according to Miss Elizabeth Shpennaker, Executive Director of the Pioneer Valley Association. The receipts will be turned over to the individual producers.

The Association has purchased an exhibit space on the main floor of the Palace and has decided to feature and sell the syrup this year as part of its plan to promote increased sale of Valley agricultural products as tying in with tourist activities. Last year the Association had a display at the Chicago Travel Show and sold \$122.42 worth of Valley handicraft articles priced from two to ten dollars.

The Association's display at New York also will feature the Valley's tourist and residential attractions. The 70 communities will be shown on displayed maps, and literature on where to stay for vacations and on farms for sale for summer homes will be distributed.

The attendance at the Show will be high class, according to Miss Shpennaker, "for there are no amusements or irrelevant exhibits and those attending pay admissions." The 1,000 quarts of syrup have been set aside by the Pioneer-Berkshire Maple Producers Association, a new group that has a large membership throughout the three counties.

TOWN TOPICS

The "Memorial Day Committee" of the "Haven H. Spencer" Post of the American Legion will meet Monday, March 15, at 8 p. m. in the Legion Rooms. Chairman Ed Harley reports that the committee is being called to begin work on the annual Memorial Day celebration, conducted by the local post.

Northfield will be represented at the annual meeting of the State Federation of Taxpayers associations will be held at the Hotel Statler in Boston on Saturday April 3.

Filed recently in the County Registry is a transfer of land and buildings on Warwick Road from Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Skinner to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Skinner.

In writing to friends here, Spurgeon Gage states that he has shipped, this season, five carloads of oranges from his groves at Orlando, Florida. This represents a fine harvest.

Rev. Samuel Shaw of Philadel-

phia in a letter states that he is in his 94th year and enjoying good health. He has been a summer journeyman in Northfield with his wife for the past twenty two years and still interested in the community and his friends here. They sold their home on Main street about two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bushnell of South Vernon have recently returned from Florida and will spend a few weeks during the remainder of the winter in Brattleboro. They will move into the "Old Red Mill" and reopen the museum early in the spring.

Mrs. Earl Lilly of West Springfield who has been quite ill is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tyler of South Vernon who have spent the winter in Florida are expected to return home soon.

The Tenney Farms dairy announce that they will enlarge their processing plant in Greenfield to take care of their expanding business. In the spring they contemplate the erection of a new plant on High Street in Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, R. I., are spending the weekend with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scanlan at their home on Birnam Road.

The Hubert Eastmans have just had a new oil-burner heating plant installed into their home on Winchester Road.

Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Russell Durgin of New Haven. While there, they journeyed to New York to see the Annual Flower Show.

Lawrence Lazelle has gone to New Haven to visit with his daughter, Mrs. Russell Durgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin are going back to Tokio, Japan, where Mr. Durgin will be senior secretary of the Y.M.C.A. They will visit with relatives in Northfield before driving across the country to San Francisco; from there they will sail on a troop ship for Japan.

Edward L. Fortier has finished work in Great Barrington, and has gone to Laconia, New Hampshire. He is employed by the B. F. Lawrence Tree Expert Co., of Greenfield.

The Connecticut Valley Bible Conference will hold a special pre-Easter Service at the First Baptist Church in Bernardston, March 18 at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Arthur Truesdell of Moores Corner will speak.

The buckets are out. The sap is running. The season is under way,

and the fires will be under the evaporators - and soon a new crop of golden maple syrup will be gracing our breakfast tables.

CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
10:00 a.m. Church School and Young People's Forum.
11:00 a.m. Worship. Fifth in a Series of Sermons on "Great Lenten Terts": "What doth the Lord require of thee?" Nursery for pre-school age children.

12:05 p.m. Adjourned Business Meeting of the church to vote by secret ballot on the Proposed Merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

6:30 p.m. The Pilgrim Fellowship meeting in the Pilgrim Fellowship room. Leona White will have charge of the devotional service. Marian Allen will direct a Bible Quiz.

7:00 p.m. 20-45 Club meeting in the vestry. Mr. and Mrs. Philip McNeil and their committee will serve a light supper. Rabbi Levi Olan of Temple Emmanuel, Worcester, guest and speaker.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Brotherhood supper and meeting. Walter Clark is chairman of the supper committee. The Selectmen of Northfield will be guests and will discuss informally the several phases of their responsibilities as officials of our town.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Service. Rev. Edgar Flory of Winchester, N. H., will give the sermon.

Friday 8:00 p.m. In the Northfield Town Hall. The famous play "Peg O' My Heart", will be presented under the sponsorship of The Friendly Class. Tickets - 60 cents each. For the Benefit of the New Church Building Fund.

Coming Events at the Trinitarian Church -

Monday, March 29th, Roller skating party at the So. Deerfield rink, sponsored by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Cars will leave Northfield at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4th, 7:00 p.m. The Deerfield Bible Pageant. Bible Scenes and Stories from Genesis to Revelation portrayed by the citizens of Deerfield, N. H., in beautiful and impressive Kodachrome slides. (These pictures were taken last summer and will be presented by technically trained and experienced operators.) A silver offering.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, Minister

10 a.m. Sunday School. Mrs. Carroll Miller, sup't. Classes for all ages. The Sunday School will begin preparation for the special Easter service which they are to have. All pupils are asked to be present.

11 a.m. Church Service and Sermon. Children's Story - "The Black Globe". Adult Sermon - "The Road of Life."

The American Unitarian Youth group will be the guests of one of their advisors - Miss Bernice M. Webster, at 7:30 p.m. Guests are expected also from the neighboring group of Greenfield. Miss Webster will speak on "Prejudice - Racial, Religious and Cultural. Refreshments will follow as well as games.

On Saturday, March 20th, the church will hold a food sale and nickel tea, in the vestry, between 3 and 5 p.m. At this same time, the young peoples group will sell homemade candy. Committee in charge of the food sale is Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, Mrs. Nelson Spring and Miss Bernice Webster. Don't forget the date and the hour.

Next Sunday's service - March 21 - will begin our regular service upstairs in the auditorium.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Service and Sermon.
11:30 a.m. Sunday School.
6:00 p.m. Young peoples meeting.
7:30 p.m. Wednesday mid-week service.

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Protection from Diphtheria

Approximately two-thirds of all cases of diphtheria occur among school children, according to the Illinois department of public health. For this reason parents are urged to have their school-age children immunized against this disease. For best protection the immunization should be given when the child is six or eight months old, with an added "booster shot" when he enters school. Confining a child to the school room where he comes into close contact with other children increases the hazard of contagious diseases, especially those like diphtheria that affect the lungs. Unless school children are protected against diphtheria, they also may carry it home to their younger brothers and sisters.

Women in the Soviet

More than 25,000 Soviet women have scientific degrees. More than 33,000 work in scientific laboratories or research institutes, according to Soviet reports. About 100,000 Soviet women are physicians, 250,000 engineers and 760,000 teachers. Thirty years ago out of 2,300,000 women gainfully employed, 1,300,000 were domestic servants in urban localities and 750,000 were farm laborers in the rural areas. There were scarcely any women engineers or scientists. With more than half of the enrollment at institutions of higher learning consisting of women, the number of women with a college education is growing.

Placing the Thermostat

The thermostat should be placed where it will maintain, as nearly as possible, the average temperature of the house or space to be controlled. The best location is usually on an inside wall of the living room or dining room where there will be a free circulation of air over the instrument. It should not be exposed to hot or cold drafts, warm air registers, radiators, fireplaces, lamps or direct rays of the sun. Nor should the thermostat be mounted on an outside wall or walls containing hot or cold water pipes or ducts or the chimney. The bottom of the thermostat should be located so that it is about four or five feet above the floor.

Start of Noble Trade

Although nursing in various forms has been traced by historians back to the days of primitive culture, the profession of nursing as we know it today had its beginnings with Florence Nightingale in 1854. Aghast at the indescribably bad sanitary conditions existing in military installations, this gallant Englishwoman organized a group of 38 nurses to work with the wounded soldiers. Her work provided the basis for the modern organization of nursing and its subsequent rise to the status of a profession.

Conquests of Channel

Only 14 years after Samuel Morse patented electric telegraphy in 1837, a cable was laid on the English channel floor, providing telegraph communication between London and Paris. An outstanding channel conquest of 1945 was Operation Pluto. This wartime project made it possible to lay undersea pipelines in a matter of hours between points on the British and French coasts. Twenty were laid, capable of carrying up to a million gallons of gasoline a day to the Allied Expeditionary forces. A channel challenge unmet is the centuries-old idea of a tunnel or bridge joining England and France. Napoleons I and III liked the tunnel idea, which reached actual work stage in 1882. Work was suspended the next year, but the idea has persisted and even now is under official study.



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Comptons Write of Work in Greece

The following is a letter received by Mrs. E. M. Powell from Carl and Ruth Compton in Salonika, Greece.

Salonika, Greece
Dec. 2, 1947

Your Christmas box to all of us came a week ago. We were delighted to receive the New England calendar for this year and have a chance to look often on pictures of that truly enchanting land.

The calendar prompted me to tell one of my classes of young girls something about New England. They were so interested that I took the calendar to class to show the pictures, and they wrote descriptions of how they imagined N. E. to be. It was surprising how accurate their impressions were. The thing that interested them most was wallpaper and the beautiful doorways. They never use wallpaper here. Walls are either calcimined or painted.

Vacation just started and we are all set for a nice rest. School has been very strenuous although everything has gone well. Our days are full from the crack of dawn till we roll into bed at night. Last week we had an unexpected holiday because the snow was so deep our school buses could not get thru. I have never seen such a deep snow in Greece before. We had some lovely Christmas programs, just before school closed. The play given by the first class boys was repeated four times. It's the play where all the animals speak on the night Christ is born called "The Holy Night". I spent a lot of time last week getting bundles of clothes ready for our day laborers and servants. There are nearly fifty families who are supported here in this school beside the teaching and office staff. Almost all the servants and wash-women are widows with several children to support and they would go naked if we didn't give them clothes.

Feb. 22

We still keep busy doing a great many things. I just wish I were half equal to the terrific task that we might have here. Just our teaching and school responsibilities would be enough to do but there are now thousands of refugees here in the city as well as in all the larger towns who are in terrible distress. The government gives them some help but it's not enough of course, and so our group have taken on several barracks full whom we are trying to clothe. They are all the nicest kind of people and it's heartbreaking to see them in this condition. You understand that the refugees come from villages which have been attacked by the partisans or communists. They had to abandon all their possessions and flee. Usually their villages have been burned and their animals seized. About two weeks ago a band of 500 partisans attacked Salonika with a mountain gun. They threw nearly 100 shells into the city, several of them landing very near the 2 hotels where the UN delegates are housed. Also, five landed in the installations of Socony and Shell Oil Company's and missed blowing them sky high only by inches. A two day battle ensued about ten miles from us up in our hills and about 350 of the band were captured or killed. One of our American officer advisors was grazed by a bullet. An Englishman was killed.

One evening Mr. Bauma recently of Mt. Hermon turned up in time for supper. It was wonderful to get some of the more recent news from Franklin County. We were so surprised to find he was teaching in Athens. We have a tea once a month which is a time honored occasion. Each Saturday there is a tea at one of the Americans or another. Yesterday, at ours, the three Chinese delegates to the UN came, with the wife of one of them and their little boy. They were charming of course, as are all educated Chinese. Also the Australian delegate whose name is Body and the one from Holland named Kuhnias. We often go to receptions in honor of delegates. At one last week we met men from India, Pakistan, Australia, Holland, China, England, U.S.A., France, Switzerland, Austria, and from South American countries. QUIET SALONIKA HAS SUDDENLY DRAWN THE WHOLE WORLD TO ITSELF.

This has been a marvelous winter. There was one good snow and since then it's been as balmy as early spring. The almond trees have been in bloom for a month and still are gorgeous. The little lambs seem all to have arrived and are cavorting around in the green fields. It's such a lovely place if there were only peace.

It seems strange that after all

these centuries we don't know how to get it or else are not interested in doing what it takes to get it.

Our very best to you all,
Sincerely,
Ruth Compton

P. T. A. News

The Northfield P.T.A. held a regular monthly meeting in Alexander Hall last Monday. The meeting was opened with the singing of the National P.T.A. song, "My Tribute", with Mrs. Robert Barnes at the piano.

The following reports were made: the treasurer's report was read by the secretary, Mrs. White; Mrs. David Hammond reporting for the Ways and Means Committee noted that April 1 would be the new date for the auction; Mrs. Bernard Whitney reported for the Refreshment Committee and also read a report for Mrs. Gerald Quigley, the Legislative Chairman; Mrs. Glenn Billings, the membership chairman, reported that nine new members had joined the P.T.A. since the last meeting.

Mrs. L. Stebbins moved that one cent per member be contributed toward the District Conference expenses. The motion was carried. President White asked that Ernest A. Parker convey a message of gratitude to the other members of the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation in granting use of the Town Hall for basketball.

Mrs. William Killen, district director, spoke to the P.T.A. members of her work and urged everyone to attend the District Conference at Greenfield on March 15.

After the regular meeting Miss Eleanor L. Davis, Head of the History Department of the Northfield School for Girls, spoke on "Education and Home Life in Russia." Miss Davis noted that the "iron curtain" was not necessarily a bar to obtaining information from Soviet Russia on their home life and educational system. Miss Davis also pointed out that the State, and Stalin, are supreme in Soviet Russia, superseding the church and the individual.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kenneth Sevens, Mrs. Glenn Billings, Mrs. Alvin Porter, Mrs. Philip Mann Jr., and Mrs. Charles White. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benney were the coffee committee.

A Y H News

Isabel and Monroe Smith have completed a visit to each of the hostels in Vermont and New Hampshire. This is the first time in many years that they have been able to make such a trip, talking not only with the houseparents who have kept their hostels open since that first summer of 1934, but also with those who have more recently become interested in the idea. The people who are in charge of the hostels are the most important element in the organization, the very backbone of hosteling. The housefather and housemother of each hostel must be the finest couple which a community can select, a man and his wife who love young people, and who are willing to give their time and energy in serving youth. Because the AYH does have this high type of people running the hostels, both here in New England and throughout America, hosteling is recognized in the educational and recreational field as one of the most welcome types of outdoor activities in America today.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith report a keen interest among the houseparents in the coming travel season. The AYH has received a number of letters from people in England requesting correspondents in this country. Most of these requests are from students although the number includes secretaries, typists and teachers. Anyone wishing to start a correspondence in this way should contact the AYH stating his age, hobbies, and preference.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12. Holden & Martin Building Show in Brattleboro, 7 to 11 p.m.

Conn. Valley Bible Conference meets in No. 3 School House, Northfield Farms.

March 13. Holden & Martin Building Show, Brattleboro, 1 to 11 p.m.

March 14. "20-45 Club" meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rabbi Olan of Worcester, guest and speaker.

American Unitarian Youth meet at 7:30 p.m.

March 15. SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION.

Boy Scouts meet.

P.T.A. District Conference at Greenfield.

March 16. Brotherhood meets with Selectmen as guests.

March 19. Fortnightly meeting, Alexander Hall 3 p.m.

Peg O' My Heart, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

March 20. Unitarian Church Food Sale 3 to 5 p.m.

March 22. Friendly Class meets at the home of Mrs. George McEwan at 7:45.

Boy Scouts meet.

Canada Is Developing

Big Tobacco Industry

According to the first official estimate of production, 146,368,000 pounds of tobacco will be harvested in Canada this season. This represents an increase of approximately 5,000,000 pounds over the record harvest last year of 141,384,000 pounds.

Flue-cured tobacco makes up the bulk of the crop and the current estimate sets production of this type for this year at 123,920,000 pounds. A total of 119,027,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco was harvested last season. Production of burley tobacco this season also shows an increase over last year. The crop is currently estimated at 14,175,000 pounds compared with 12,058,000 pounds in 1946. Dark tobacco crop will be 30,000 pounds greater than in 1946, being estimated at 2,498,000 pounds.

Cigar tobacco production, however, is somewhat lighter this season. The crop at present is estimated at 4,030,000 pounds, compared with 5,435,000 pounds in 1946. Production of pipe tobacco also is expected to be lighter this season at 1,748,000 pounds. The 1946 harvest of this type amounted to 2,395,000 pounds.

U. S. Scientists Perform

Important Blood Research

Although credit for the first work on the sulfonamides was claimed by the Germans, the first work with penicillin was credited to the English, and the Swiss perfected D.D.T. American pharmaceutical scientists have not been idle. Some of the most important research work has been done concerning the study of blood and its derivatives by University of Iowa and other United States scientists.

More than 25 years ago the transfusion of blood from one person to another was abandoned because too frequently the patient receiving the blood died soon after the transfusion. Continued research on blood overcame this difficulty by discovering the four great classes of blood and the necessity of matching blood from the donor with that of the patient before transfusing.

Later came the discovery that the cells could be removed from the blood and the remaining portion, the plasma, given to anybody without the necessity of matching. Plasma given this way on the battlefields of World War II overcame the immediate shock following a wound and enabled thousands of soldiers to survive.

The other fraction of blood remaining after plasma has been taken away, namely the red blood cells, now has been put to good use in combatting some kinds of disorders where the great need is for more blood cells or more hemoglobin.

Martha's Vineyard Was

Early Indian Metropolis

At the time of the Puritan settlement of Boston, Martha's Vineyard apparently was one of the most thickly populated places in the New England area. It is supposed to have had an Indian population of about 3,000. All belonged to the Wampanoag tribe of the general Algonquian stock. The shores of Martha's Vineyard were exceptionally rich fishing grounds.

Fortunately for the Indians, the island was leased from the Earl of Stirling—to whom it had been granted by the Crown—by a remarkable character, the staunch old Puritan Thomas Mayhew, who had extremely rigid ideas on justice due to Indians. He lived among them, paid well for all their produce and made them his staunch friends. During King Philip's war in 1675-76 he had no hesitation in arming them, and they remained loyal to him. Traces of this friendship recently were found by Smithsonian institution ethnologists. Samples of their characteristic arrowheads and other implements were found. Descendants of the Gay Head Indians are beginning to revive some of the old handicrafts.

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FOR SALE — Victor, Columbia and Edison disc and cylinder records. Close out sale of used books. Sunset Farms Antique Shop, 192 Main St. East Northfield.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE DAY

George Day, 79, died Tuesday, March 2, at Franklin County Hospital, Greenfield.

He was born at Creston, N. Y.; one of five children of Simon and Eliza Gleason Day. He spent his early years in Jamaica, Vt., and the last 30 years in South Vermont. He had been employed by Vermont Central and retired about 10 years ago.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Emily Clark Day and one sister, Jennie, wife of Ralph Daggett of Jamaica, Vt.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Mitchell Funeral Home in Brattleboro, with Rev. E. W. Blackstone officiating. The body will be entombed at Jamaica, Vt. for burial in the spring.

Dog Tags Arrived

Town Clerk Josephine S. Haskell announces that the license blanks are ready for the dog taxes and that the tags have arrived. All owners of dogs are urged to



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